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PUBLIC REACTION TO US DECISION INSTITUTE QUARANTINE CUBA
MAY BE SAID TO BE GENERALLY ONE OF SURPRISE AND CLEAR RECOG-
NITION SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION ALTHOUGH NOT ALARM.

PREDICTABLY EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING LARGE NUMBER MAIL AND
TELEGRAMS FROM COMMUNISTS AND COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS
PROTESTING US ACTION AGAINST CUBA. QUANTITY APPEARS TO BE LARGER
THAN THAT RECEIVED DURING FIRST PHASE BAY OF PIGS LANDING IN
APRIL 1961. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISTURBANCES OR HARASSING
ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST EMBASSY ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF EXPERIENCE
AT TIME OF BAY OF PIGS LANDING WHEN STUDENTS ATTEMPTED
DEMONSTRATION THESE MAY POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED.

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INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT, GENERAL CONSENSUS APPEARS TO BE CURRENT
CRISIS HAS ENHANCED PROSPECTS SUPPORT DE GAULLE IN REFERENDUM
ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OCT 28.

PEOPLE ARE CALM AND WAITING WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST AS TO WHAT
WILL BE FATE OF SOVIET SHIPS NOW EN ROUTE CUBA.

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